

Appln. No. 10/764,366
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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, and 4 through 12 remain in this application. Claim 3 has been cancelled. No claims have been withdrawn. Claims 13 through 16 have been added.

Parts 1 and 2 of the Office Action

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Bishner.

Claims 1 through 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Griffey in view of Fuji.

Claim 1, particularly as amended, requires "a recharging assembly for recharging the energy storage assembly of each said at least one portable power unit, *the portable housing of each said at least one portable power unit being removably mountable on said recharging assembly such that electrical communication between said at least one portable power unit and said recharging assembly is enabled when the housing of said at least one portable power unit is mounted on said recharging assembly*, said recharging assembly being electrically couplable to a conventional household ac outlet, said recharging assembly being electrically couplable to said energy storage assembly of said at least one portable power unit for recharging said energy storage assembly".

It is submitted that the cited patents, and especially the allegedly obvious combination of Griffey and Fuji or Bishner set forth in the rejection of the Office Action, would not lead one skilled in the art to the applicant's invention as required by claims 1 and 8. Further, claims 2 through 7, which depend from claim 1 and claims 9 through 12, which depend from claim 8,

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also include the requirements discussed above and therefore are also submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Withdrawal of the §102(b) and §103(a) rejections of claims 1, 2, and 4 through 12 is therefore respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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